(b) and (c) The draft MPD-2021 recognises the heritage value of the Lutyen's Bungalow Zone (LBZ) and recommends its conservation in the process of redevelopment of the area. The development in LBZ is governed by the LBZ guidelines of 1988.

Delhi Rent Control Legislation

3382. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for which implementation of the Rent Control Act for Delhi has been delayed for years;

(b) the specific steps taken by Government to resolve the issues involved;

(c) whether Government have an assessment of the residential and commercial property lying vacant in Delhi at present;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether absence of a balanced rent control law is one of the reasons for such heavy vacancy; and

(f) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Delhi Rent Act, 1995, which was enacted on 23.08.1995, has not been brought into force so far. Immediately after the Bill was passed there were representations against some of the provisions of the said Act by a section of tenants, particularly the trader-tenants. The matter was examined in details by the Government and it was decided to bring the Act into force after effecting amendments to some of its provisions. The Delhi Rent (Amendment) Bill, 1997 was accordingly introduced in the Rajya Sabha in July, 1997. The Bill was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban & Rural Development for examination and report. The Committee submitted its report to the Parliament in December, 2000 suggesting some changes in the provisions of the Amendment Bill. The Government considered the report and accepted all the recommendations of the committee. The Amendment Bill could not, however, be debated till the 13th Lok Sabha was dissolved. Action regarding pursuing of the Amendment Bill has been initiated.

(c) to (f) No such information is maintained by Government.

Ban on Playing in Parks

3383. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN:Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA parks in most of the trans Yamuna areas such as Bishwas Nagar, Vivek Vihar, Mayur Vihar and IP extension prohibit playing of games by children as reported in the media recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this is coming in the way of development of children through sports;

(c) whether Government propose to review DDA's decision and instruct suitably in the interest and welfare of the children; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has informed that there is no prohibition on playing of games by children in the parks except Cricket and Football. Separate play fields have been provided in the vicinity for such games.

(c) and (d) In view of the reply to (a) & (b) above, does not arise.

Chairman of Delhi Urban Arts Commission

3384. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that art-architect of international fame has been appointed by his Ministry as Chairman of 'Delhi Urban Arts Commission' which reamained almost on-functional for the last many years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken for making the said Commission effective?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Shri Charles Correa, well known architect has been appointed as Chairman (Part Time) of the Delhi Urban Arts Commission (DUAC), for a period of three years. He has taken over charge